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President's Message

April 2006

By Jim Healy, LCTA President

One of the great things about trails is that they attract such a wide variety of users. Nearly everyone in the community can get on a trail and enjoy being outdoors while engaging in a healthy activity.

While we are blessed with some wonderful trails, it is also clear that the community wants even greater access. When a community wants something bad enough, and lets it be known, it will happen. Trail development has definitely been a grass roots initiative.

The *fifteen in 5* Community Planning process reaffirmed that Linn County residents like what they see and are willing to support future trail development. LCTA, acting as the foundation of the trails initiative for the *fifteen in 5* process, has seen a significant number of volunteers step up to the plate. We are experiencing a renewal of energy and a heightened commitment to our motto – "Making Trails Happen."

By Jim Healy, LCTA President

We invite each of you to help make trails happen! Here are some ways in which you can help:

1. **Provide financial support.** Continue to make annual contributions to LCTA. If you are not now doing so, use the form in this publication to make your contribution and get on our list of supporters. Contribute to our annual fall fundraiser. LCTA is a 501(c)(3) organization and your contributions are tax deductible. Some have chosen to designate LCTA for memorial contributions. Over 95% of all contributions to LCTA go directly to the development of trails.
2. **Volunteer your time and talent.** We have six active committees to choose from. Let us know about your interests and talents and we will help you find a committee. If you don't like to attend meetings, that is okay too. Just let us know about your talents or special in-

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Three bike riders along Indian Creek, on the Sac & Fox Trail. The creek is swollen from back-up from a high Cedar River this spring.

National Trails Day Activities on Tap

National Trails Day



June 3, 2006

Linn County Trails Association will once again sponsor a “progressive breakfast” in conjunction with **National Trails Day on June 3**. The breakfast will be held at different sites along the Cedar River Trail from 8:30 to 10:30 am.

Everything is free with food provided by the following businesses:

McCLOUD RUN – J Ave NE
Fruit Kabobs - Wal-Mart
Rhubarb Punch - LCTA
Bananas - Hy Vee

GREENE SQUARE PARK – 3rd Ave and 5th St SE downtown
Bagels - Paneras
Captain Crunch/Gatorade - Quaker Oats
Boiled Eggs - Wal-Mart

SOKOL PARK – Czech Village
Fresh Bakery - Sykora Bakery
Granola Bars - Quaker Oats

In case of rain, go to Sokol Park.

LCTA will also be conducting a breakfast along with the Linn County Conservation folks at the Matsell Bridge Natural Area, starting at 9:00am. For further information, call the Linn County Conservation Department, at 319-892-6450.



A quiet walk along the Sac Fox Trail

President's Message

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terests and we will help you get involved in a way that is most comfortable for you.

3. **Contact your elected officials.** Let your desire for trails be known to those who can cause it to happen. Trail development competes with all the other demands for resources and your elected representatives (city, county, state, and federal) need to know your priorities.

4. **Be a Trails Ambassador.** You can be a marketing department for trails. Talk to friends and neighbors about your positive trail experiences and encourage them to get involved.
5. **Write letters to the editor supporting trails.** There is a direct correlation between the column inches of print expended on an issue and the attention, which that issue receives.
6. **Participate in other Fifteen in 5 initiatives.** There are a number of the 15 initiatives that either have a trail component or a natural interest in trail development.

7. **Keep your eyes and ears open.** When you hear of opportunities to acquire property along prospective trail routes, contact LCTA and let us know about it.
8. **Get involved in your neighborhood organizations.** Explore ways to connect your neighborhood to the current or planned trail system.

Linn County Trails Association is all about involvement and commitment. We are volunteers working together and *Making Trails Happen!*

Cedar Bend Sandpit - Commentary

by Jim Wing

A recent Cedar Rapids *Gazette* article detailed Cedar Rapids' plans to do nothing to develop Cedar Bend Lake. Remember this lake? It was the former sandpit donated by Martin-Marietta, which was to be a part of the Cedar Bend project. It was tagged as a \$3 million project, and soon it had grown to \$14 million. I'm glad the siding project at my house hasn't had that kind of jump!

It represented just another comical but sad chapter in the city's attempt to secure Vision Iowa funding to develop the area south of downtown. This was the effort that initially was going to give us a kayak course when the project was known as River Run. Along the way, the gambling referendum, which would have removed the Farmstead brownfield and replaced it with a casino/hotel complex, was defeated after receiving no support from the mayor or council.

The city did finally receive funding crumbs from Vision Iowa, but the project was ill-defined, and the public had lost all confidence in city government. Cedar Bend lacked the community support to provide the local match dollars needed. The lake's seemingly overnight price escalation was the last nail as if another one was needed. The money was returned to the state and here we sit, waiting for a new city government to pick up the pieces and provide some direction for the future.

However, I don't believe all is lost. The city has two potential gems, one on each side of the river. Mount Trashmore has great possibilities. All you have to do is drive to the top (with a load of junk and a spare \$15) and look around. It is now the highest point in Linn County and the view is terrific. It is not hard to envision a great park and whatever else.

On the other side of the Cedar River remains the sandpit. It is 62



Top Photo: The Sac & Fox Trail may cross under the Union Pacific tracks, through one of these culverts.

Bottom Photo: The sandpit is comprised of 62 acres of water.



acres of water out of a 104 total acre parcel. I checked it out last fall and the one thing that jumps out at you is how much water there is. It is pretty darn impressive. The plan was to extend the Sac and Fox trail to run under the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to the sandpit (see culvert picture). From there it would connect both across the river with the Cedar

River Trail as well as run onward along the east side of the river into the heart of the Cedar Bend district in the Farmstead area.

I believe both of these projects will happen. They have far too much potential not to. Once the city gets back on its feet, look for these two park areas to be an integral part of revised plans to develop the area.

When people think of biking in Utah, a muddy mountain bike, red arch sandstone structures and desert come to mind. But take a rather sophisticated town like Park City with the Marriot Hotel nearby, and you get a lovely 30-mile rail trail where the yuppies and puppies ride.

My sisters and I, and all of our kids, were “doing” another family vacation. The kids, high school and college age by now, did the hiking and mountain biking – and the sisters spent mornings (hey—the kids were not even up yet!) pedaling the extremely scenic Union Pacific Rail Trail.

Every morning when we started to ride, the mountains were everywhere around us. We headed up the valley on a gradual incline and saw a wide variety of terrain, sage, and bitterbrush hills. The trail continued on and there was lush farmland up the valley, junipers, and sunflowers and the Echo Reservoir, the next chapter of the ride.

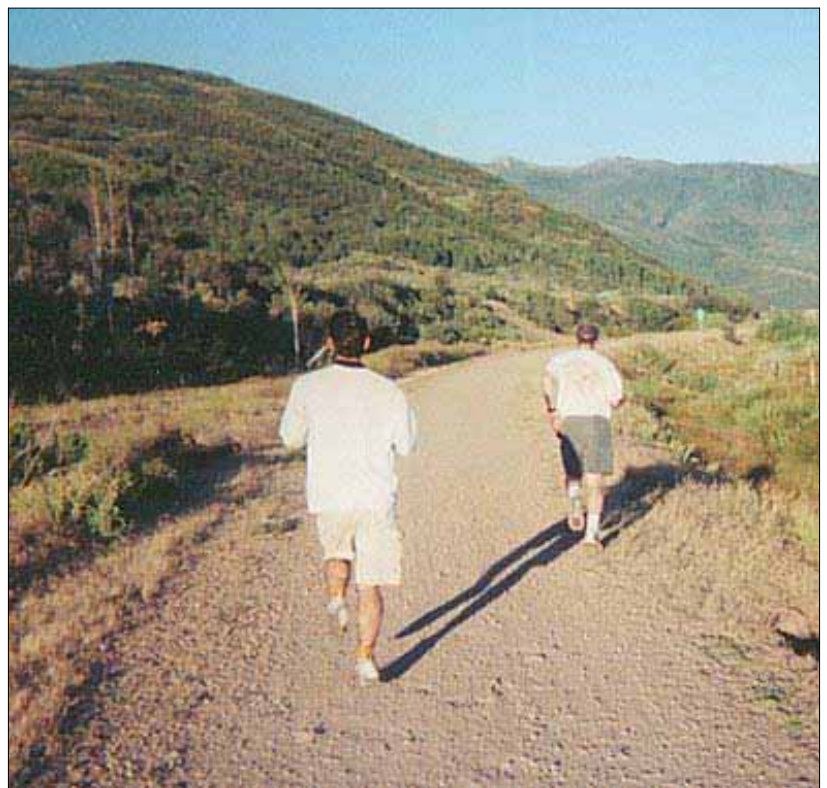
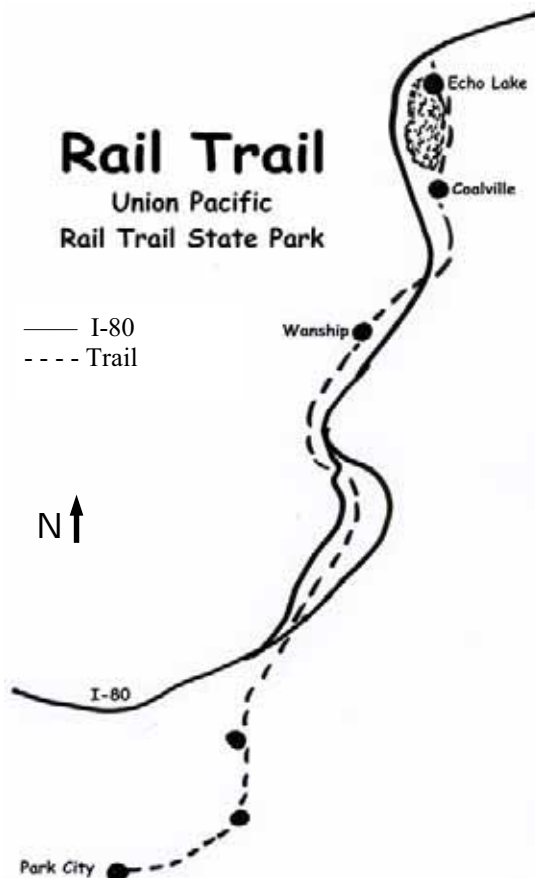
The truly unique thing about our morning rides was that every day we saw a different animal. Not ordinary deer and chipmunks and the like, but unusual animals...one day a moose, quite close; and the next day, a real badger—very close—



too close for comfort! On day three the tall Sandhill cranes made an appearance, with a coyote creeping along the ground stalking them, seemingly oblivious to our observations. Through a rocky area we saw rock chucks, a marmot-like animal, watching us warily as we glided past, sending up the alarm if we stopped to look. And almost every day we spotted spectacular mountain blue birds.

Through all of this, conversations and catching up on life continued and we sisters recognized the strengths in each of us. One sister knows about the birds and critters; one has a lot of drive and wants to keep on biking; and the third makes sure to bring the water and tell us when it's time to turn around.

Next summer, we hope to vacation in another scenic place and share the years' events.



Historic Union Pacific Rail Trail: Starting from Park City, Utah, this is a railroad turned into a trail for runners / bikers / horseback riders.

Linn County has just over 50 miles of trails. Our new goal is to double the number of trail miles in the next five years as a joint effort of LCTA and the fifteen-in-five initiative. To organize this effort we are trying to catalog all the trail projects and their cost and schedule.

Our first effort at this is the chart, 2006 TRAIL PLANNING STATUS, featured in this issue. The Chart is organized as follows:

TRAIL NAME/SEGMENT- Some names are just “working names” for now.

STATUS- Where we are in the process

REMARKS- Trail location or 2006 task

SEGMENT MILES- If in **bold type** construction is already scheduled.

5 YEARS- An estimate of trails which could get build get built in about five years.

TOTAL- Total trail miles

FUNDING- Funded amount or estimated cost

LEADER- Contact person

In the summary totals, you can see that we have identified 50 miles out of some 90 miles of trails and we have \$1.1 million out of the \$20 million so far estimated. We are adding and refining trails from the Marion/Linn County planning processes and from member inputs.

In our planning we have found it necessary to identify several types of “trails”. In our next update we would like to code the type of trail as follows:

T- Separated (mostly), insulated from traffic (mostly) and scenic if possible.

WS- WIDE SIDEWALKS: Traffic/Speeds are HIGH. (Over 30 MPH?)

BL- BIKE LANES: Traffic/Speeds are MODERATE. (30 MPH?)

NC- HOME CONNECTORS: Traffic/Speeds are LOW. (25 MPH?)

PS- PAVED SHOULDERS: Perhaps a “better than nothing” solution.

The reason for the distinctions is that some of these accommodations can be accomplished very soon, with low cost or in coordination with current road/street projects. The details of what is HIGH/MODERATE/LOW will need to be worked out with the city/county. LCTA is developing a position on the above matters to take to our governments in the hope that we can move the process forward. It is hoped that a city/county wide uniform way of doing trails things will help the acceptance.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS AND INPUT ON THESE MATTERS.

Trail routes, types of accommodations, safety and so forth—let us hear from you soon. Please keep in mind that we focused on family or ordinary bike riders.

Cedar River Trail fun



LCTA Trails Development Committee

Trail Name/Segment	Status	REMARKS	SEG.	5 YRS	TOTAL	Funded	\$k EST	LEADER
CEMAR					4.5		2000	AntonJensen
-Cedar Rapids-Seg A	FUNDED	Cedar Lake to 20th St	1.4	1.4		542.5		
-Seg B	New route def. In process	20th St. to city limits	1.5	1.5			1000	
-Marion-also see below	New Route being defined	Needs Cost est	1.6			140	1000	Evans
CRT-SEGMENT G	FUNDED	Construction planned-2006	2	2		500		Bogert
HOOVER TRAIL	FUNDED-Being designed	2004 to 2008 funding	5.1	5.1	5.1	600		Traubauer
-Original Seg.	Gravel--to be paved	2006 Construction?	1.7					Burke
-Wright Bro. To Ely	Easements needed	2007 Construction?	1.7					
-Ely to Johnson co.	Route planning	2008 Construction	1.7					
KIRKWOOD LOOP	CRT-Kirkwood-Bowling-CRT	Loop from Sokol Park via CRT	4.7	4.7	4.7			Kaldenberg
-CRT to College	Funded	2006 Construction	2			189K		
-College to CRT	Route Planning	Via 66th St. & Bowling St trail	2.5					
ELLIS PARK TRAIL	COMPLETED	Gaps need closing			3.8			RCM
-CRT to Ellis Park	Being designed		1.1	1.1		0		
-Park to Edgewood Rd.								
NW CONNECTOR	Ellis Park to Morgan Creek Park	West Side Loop Connector	5		5		1200	RCM
PRAIRIE CREEK TRAIL	Route Planning	Fairfax to CRT			8.5		3000	Traubauer
-CR Segment				5.1			2400	
-Fairfax segment				3.4			600	Rinke
DRY CREEK TRAIL	ROUTE PLANNING				4.6		1800	Sutherland
-CR Segment			3.6	3.6				Nelson
-Marion Segment			1	1				Barnum
INTERURBAN TRAIL	Restarted project in 2005	CR-Mt Vernon-Lisbon	12.5		12.5			RCM
-CEMAR to Sac Fox	Route Planning		2.7	2.7			960	Hershner
-Mt. Vernon to Hwy 13	Route Planning	Needs 2006 push	7.5					Mt. Vernon Group
-Cedar Rapids to Hwy 13			2.7				960	
CEDAR BEND TRAIL								
-Sac Fox to Park	Route Planning	UP RR Discussions Involved	1.2				2380	Flint
-Cross River to CRT	Funding was requested	Via New Bridge	0.5	0.7			1000	

2006 Trail Planning Status

Provided by Ron McGraw

Trail Name/Segment	Status	REMARKS	SEG.	5 YRS	TOTAL	Funded	\$k EST	LEADER
WEST CEDAR RAPIDS		River to Morgan Creek Park	6		6		2000	Wauer
-River to Cherokee Park	Route Planning	Via E Avenue	3	3				
-To Morgan Creek Park	Route Planning	Via Cherry Hills Park	3	3				
WEST SIDE LOOP	In R100 build plan—2009 start?		10.6		10.6			RCM
-Hwy 100-North		Twin Pines to Morgan Creek Park	7.1				1700	
-Hwy 100-South		Morgan Creek Park to Fairfax	3.5				615	
GRANT WOOD TRAIL		Last 1/4 mile easement needed	11		11			Fletcher
-To Squaw Creek	New Route plan		1				316	
-To Springville Road	Req. funds for surfacing	Hwy 13 to Oxley Road Segment	5	5				
-To Jones County			5					
SQUAW CREEK TRAIL	Needs Route and Cost Estimate	Squaw Creek Park to Sac Fox	5		5		1000	LeTellier
PINICON RIDGE TRAIL	Funding Requested	Central City to Park	2	2	2			Burke
33 Avenue Access	Park of Street Extension	12th Street to Edgewood Road	1.5	1.5	1.5			
JOHNSON AVENUE BIKEWAY	Bike Lanes	12th Street to West Post Road	1.4	1.4	1.4			
Hiawatha to Hwy 100 Trail		Dry Creek Trail to Twin Pines	1.4		1.4		1000	
BOYSON ROAD			2	2	2			
CRT to Noelridge Park	Sidewalks	42nd Street NE to school	2	2	2			
CRT to Mohawk Park		Also to neighborhoods	1	1	1			
CRT to Kennedy/Xavier	Combination Route	Via Twin Pines & R-100	4	4	4			
BOYSON ROAD	Wide Sidewalks	C Avenue to Hiawatha	2	2	2			
SAC FOX EXTENSION	Along Cedar River East	Indian Creek to Hwy 13	3	3	3			
MARION TRAIL SYSTEM	Partial list—to be expanded soon		7.1		7.1			Sutherland
-Center-of-City Trail	Acquire the old RR Route	Thomas Park to ~ Hwy 13	4.1					Evans
-Squaw Creek Trail	Design & Costing	29th to Squaw Creek Park	2					
-Indian Creek Trail	Design & Costing	Boyson Trail to 29th Street	1					
-See also CeMar, Dry Creek,	and Grant Wood Trails for Mari	on Total						
TOTAL-Funding or ESTIMATE						1100	20931	
TOTAL-MILES; 15 in 5 Plan				53.7				
TOTAL-Segment Miles					97.1			

To these will be added trails coming out of the Linn County Trails Plan, the 15 in 5 planning, Marion Master Plan, & updates to the Metro Plan

LCTA has a Newly-Designed T-shirt

By Dean Barnum

The Linn County Trails Association has a newly designed T-shirt this spring. All of us on the T-shirt committee are very excited about it. We will try to describe it and tell you how to get one for yourself, your family, business associates and for gifts.

First the silkscreen. The front and rear screens are unique. Both screens are white.

The front screen has **Linn County Trails Association** around the top of a lineless circle. On the bottom part of the circle is **We Make trails Happen**. In the middle, a wheel chair trail enthusiast, a skater, a walker, and a biker all depict various types of trail usage. **Linn County Trails Association** is in text visible from about twenty feet.

The back screen has **Linn County Trails Association** around the top. On the bottom part of the circle is **We Make trails Happen**. In the middle is **LCTA**. Strategically located are small LCTA and *15 in 5* logos.

The basic T-shirt is a Gildan brand preshrunk 6.1 ounce heavyweight 100% cotton with a double stitched neckline, sleeves and bottom hem.

If your order is received by May 9, there will be a large variety of bright colors available. This is when we order the T-shirts. After May 9 T-shirts will be available in only four colors. These colors are: **Cardinal Red** (dark red), **Helico-**



nia (bright pink), **Jade Dome** (blue green), and **Iris** (a light shade of royal blue). Sizes available are Adult small through extra large and until May 9 Youth extra small through extra large.

T-shirts can be ordered and will be delivered via US Mail. The inner package will be a T-shirt in a sealed plastic envelope. T-shirts can be also be picked up. The price is \$10.00 each.

To order T-shirts please use the form below. **To get information on the colors**

available before May 9 call Dean Barnum at 377-8396 or read the next paragraph.

If you want to look at the Gildan website yourself go to WWW.GILDAN.COM. For adults look at the style 2000 Ultracotton page. For youth look at the style 2000B Ultracotton page. The colors are all shown. If you order using the website please give me the Gildan number and color. Keep in mind that the screen is white and we want it to stand out. The website also has a sizing chart if you are not sure as to what sizes to order.

T-Shirt Order Form:

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Size: _____ Color: _____

Size: _____ Color: _____

Size: _____ Color: _____

Size: _____ Color: _____

Total T-Shirts ordered _____ Total money enclosed at \$10.00 each _____

Many Colors available until May 9: call Dean Barnum at 377-8396 or use the website.

Colors available after May 9: Cardinal Red (dark red), Heliconia (hot pink), Jade Dome (blue green), and Iris (a lighter shade of royal blue).

Sizes Available always: Adult small, medium, large and extra large

Youth Sizes available until May 9: extra small through extra large

Mail your order to Dean Barnum, 232 Windsor Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-1532

Make checks payable to Linn County Trails Association or LCTA

Marion Trails

By Jim Wing

The LCTA Board received an update from Marion Parks Director Richard Fox at the April meeting. The presentation was primarily a review of the Marion Master Trails Plan, which was recently approved by the Marion City Council.

Highlights of the Master Plan include a prioritization of trails to be developed. The highest priority trails are the Cemar, Grant Wood, Sac and Fox extension, and the Dry Creek Trail. There is a whole hierarchy of trails to be developed so it will be a great guide as Marion tries to build more trails.

The railroad abandonment remains unresolved at this time.

It is great to see Marion get into the trail building business with a little more fervor than we've seen in the past.

Rx for Fitness is Stepping Up

By Diane Handler

The Rx for Fitness program sponsored by the Linn County Trails Association and the Linn County Medical Society has completed the pilot program and will be ready for distribution to medical providers next month. The program, funded by the Darrell R. Dennis MD Memorial Fund, includes a prescription for exercise, a pedometer and booklet explaining exercise goals and the LCTA Metro Area Trails map, which will encourage patients to hit the trails for fitness.

The fitness package will be free of charge to the first 1000 patients at select clinics. Thereafter, the program will be provided to the clinics at greatly reduced rates to encourage exercise and trail use.

For more information, please email rx4fitness@gmail.com

Metro Trails Status

By Ron McGraw

Since the last issue of the *Trail Connections*, the following is noteworthy:

FUNDING

* Marion received funding to purchase an extension of Veterans Park, where the new route of the CEMAR Trail will traverse along Indian Creek to Highway 100.

* Cedar Rapids was granted about \$540K for the first segment of the CEMAR Trail between Cedar Lake and 20th Street NE.

* A funding request for a bridge over the Cedar River was not successful. This bridge would have connected the Sac Fox Trail/proposed Cedar Bend Park to the Cedar River Trail.

* Requests are still pending for surfacing the first segment of the Grant Wood Trail and also for an underpass at Highway 13 which will connect the trail to Marion and Squaw Creek Park.

CONSTRUCTION

* **KIRKWOOD CONNECTION-** Completion of the trail from the CRT to the College campus, scheduled for this year, has been put in the uncertain category because agreements with IDOT have not been completed.

* **CEDAR RIVER TRAIL SEGMENT G-** The last link between the Cedar River and Hoover Trails will be completed this fall.

* **HOOVER TRAIL-** It now looks as if the start of the building of the connection to Ely will not commence until 2007. There have been delays getting approval from IDOT.

* **ELLIS PARK TRAIL-** Continuation of the trail to Edgewood Road will not get started this fall because of budget constraints.

ROUTES/ PLANNING

* **MARION-** With the adoption of the new Marion Trail plan we now have a clearer picture of how connections will be made between the **CEMAR/DRY CREEK/GRANT WOOD/SQUAW CREEK Trails** and the city of Marion routes. They have put together a very comprehensive plan with a set of priorities and goals.

* Many of our 2006 goals are focused on defining routes and costs for the trails and connectors which have been on our wish lists for several years. Please see the planning charts on pages 6-7 of this edition.

We also hope to complete the trail plan for Linn County this year.

* **JOHNSON COUNTY/IOWA CITY CONNECTION-** We continue to work on the proposed route, which was worked out last year in conjunction with the Johnson County Supervisors. We should remember that they helped us with some matching funds for the Ely connection, which helped us to get funding for the Linn county portion of the **HOOVER TRAIL**.

SUMMARY

We need to look into recent problems of IDOT approvals and trail construction falling to budget tightening.



Skater at Cedar Lake

Grant Wood Trail Gets a New Look



Left Photo: Trailhead of Grant Wood Trail, off Highway 13

Right Photo: One of Linn County Conservation Department's new Grant Wood Trail signs.

- photos by Keith Fletcher -

Average Weekly Trail Counts

	June-September 2005	December 2005	March-April 2006
Marion Trail	2795	436	1482
Sac and Fox Trail	1763	168	645
East Post Rd	877	237	266
Cedar Lake Trail	1740	237	1365
Cedar River Trail	3240	168	1115
Sokol Park	4250	377	1801
Cedar Valley Nature Trail			
Boyson Rd	2412	-	1159
County Home Rd	1349	-	451
Lafayette	738	-	-
Center Point	618	-	-

Trail Counter Update

We now have a permanent email address for reporting trail counts. It is trailcount@linncountytrails.org

The old email address will also still work since the new address gets forwarded to my old address, but now we will not be dependent on who I use for my Internet Provider.

When reading the trail counters, wave you hand across the beam and verify that the count increments. If it doesn't, let me know so I can replace the batteries.

Thanks for your help

John Wauer, LCTA

The following trail supporters have donated to trail development January, 2006-March, 2006

\$20-\$34

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***Please check your mailing label for your
Support Renewal Date.***

If you renew without our sending you a reminder, it saves us time & money.

So PLEASE - Renew in a timely manner.

THANKS!

***If you are not already a supporter, please consider helping us.
The application is on the back cover of this issue of Trail Connections.***

Linn County Trails Association (LCTA) Supporter Form

Why would I want to support LCTA?

1. Your support will count you among the hundreds of enthusiastic trail advocates who make up the Linn County Trails Association.
2. By becoming a supporter you will have already begun to play an important role in building a network of connected trails in Linn County and the surrounding area.
3. 95% of all money raised through donations and grants goes directly to build more trails or to improve existing trails. LCTA has been able to multiply this financial support by providing matching funds to secure significant grants.
4. As a supporter, you will receive our quarterly newsletter. Here you can read about trail vacations, upcoming trail events, opportunities to volunteer, and issues that are important to trail development.
5. Supporters are not expected to attend meetings and no one will call you. Of course, if you want to get involved, we will welcome your help.

Learn more about LCTA by visiting our website at www.linncountyltrails.org

Information required: *(fill out if not on label on other side)*

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please print the information CLEARLY

Donations to LCTA are Tax Deductible

- TRAIL BLAZER \$100*
- TRAIL PARTNERS (Family) \$ 35
- TRAIL SCOUT \$ 20

If you provide your email address, we will send future reminders via email and will add you to the LCTA email distribution list, which is used to provide information on trail-related events to supporters.

** At the Trail Blazer level, supporters also receive the "Advocate," the newsletter of the Iowa Trails Council.*

Please consider an additional donation for NEW TRAIL DEVELOPMENT \$_____

Mail donations to:
Linn County Trails Association
 PO Box 2681 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

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